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NO SIDE

CHRISTOPHER GILBERT reflects on the crisis in the "mysterious Mid-East"

THE one certainty about the Gulf crisis is that what has been made known of its motivation is at least balanced by what has not been made known. Viewed at the child's story book level, which is how current events are presented to and accepted by the general public, there is no missing factor, or at any rate no factor of cardinal importance which remains undisclosed.

Nothing could be simpler than the issue thus set forth. Cast into the role of "baddy" is President Saddam Hussein, the "Butcher of Baghdad", who showed his barbarity to the civilised world by ordering his army to march, shoot and rape its way into helpless little Kuwait, by threatening invasion elsewhere, and by effectively holding Western citizens hostage. Faced with television pictures of a smiling Hussein chatting amiably to some British families, the Murdoch-Maxwell axis dominating the tabloid press here immediately drew menacing comparisons with old pictures of Hitler talking to children "who next day were flung into the gas chambers"!!

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THE general situation is no less clear, apparently, to those of us who dissent from prevailing orthodoxy and make a radically different diagnosis of the political ills besetting the Levant.

The West is guilty of applying double standards between the Iraqis' seizure of Kuwait and the Israelis' occupation of territory in Palestine and Lebanon, despite the clear, but solitary, call years ago in Security Council Resolution 242 for the Zionists to withdraw their forces. So far from tumbling over itself to muster unanimous votes of condemnation or mount armed blockades made up of the world's navies, the U.N. has by and large met Israeli seizures of Arab land with inactivity - no doubt under prompting from its Zion-conscious paymaster, the U.S.A.

The relative indifference to the long drawn-out agony of the occupied territories - where young people and children continue to be killed and wounded in numbers that would cause an international outcry in many other parts of the world, especially South Africa - is contrasted with the rush of international activity and armed forces to punish Saddam Hussein's "flagrant case of bullying aggression". As Professor Edward Said, of Manhattan's Columbia University, put it, "I am angered as to why an illegal Iraqi occupation of Kuwait has aroused far more American force and passion than the brutalities and callousness of Israel's 23-year-old occupation of Arab land."

Then there is "gallant little" Israel itself. President Hussein's projection as the only Arab leader with the strength and determination to strike back against Israel is surely what lies behind the Western conspiracy he referred to earlier in the year after the Bazoft execution and the "Big Gun" affair. His army is the only one in the region that the Israelis fear, and they similarly dread his threat to "burn half of Israel" with chemical weapons in the event of a new Israeli war against the Arabs. No word of condemnation is uttered, of course, about Israel's declared intention to use nuclear weapons if it thinks the decision expedient. So, should we not take the side of Saddam Hussein?

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OUR own interpretation of events in the Middle East - by their nature it could only be tentative - is that it would be more than a little naive to assume Iraq's side is consequently the right side for Right-thinking patriots to take. Lining up with Saddam Hussein is not necessarily the solution to the crisis suddenly precipitated upon the world last month. We do not profess to know the full answer to the latest intrigue in the mysterious Mid-East. The millions of words the pundits have communicated on the subject have, as might be expected, done very little to trace the deliberately ravelled strings of international power-politics. But of one thing we are sure: all the strings being pulled are held by the same hands. If any reader doubts that, they should simply ask themselves who supplied the finance and technology that created the Iraqi war machine and nurtured its chemical and nuclear warfare capacity?

The creators of One World approach their objective by phased and alternative advances. Any conflict, therefore, that manifests itself upon the world stage and is trumpeted in the world media has not, in fact, got sides. Both sides are the same side, if you see what we mean, as they are both backed ultimately by the same international power.

The world has undoubtedly entered a new phase in the drive towards a global monopoly of power. With the ending of the so-called Cold War enabling the financiers of New York to find themselves in such happy accord with the commissars of the Kremlin (in reality that accord has existed since 1917), we have still got to be presented with an enemy. For it is only under war, or the threat of war, that people will consent to give up their freedom. The fact that European Union has not been having too successful a time - which has resulted in the creation of safety valves ranging from Mrs Thatcher's Bruges speech to the glossy **This England** magazine sponsoring a "Save Britain From Europe" campaign - suggests the situation has becomes pretty parlous for the moulders of international policy.

Now, suddenly, we are presented with a "popular" war. Indeed, in the **Catholic Herald** on 26th August Christopher Monckton argued it might well be a "just" war. We are going to defend "our" oil; we are going to protect the "hostages" (who apparently were happy to live and work in a country that waged chemical war for eight years against Iran); and we are going to save the embassies from being shut (although our interests have been adequately represented in Syria and Iran after we shut down our embassies there years ago)!

Even Israel is subject to the machinations of this Greater Zionism. As we have occasionally observed before, Jewish lives and aspirations may be sacrificed as ruthlessly as any others if the International Money Power so requires. A.K. Chesterton always believed that the Zionism centred on Israel would be regarded as temporarily expendable in the interests of the larger Zionism which embraces the concept of One World.

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SO the sides are not what they seem. What is presented as an issue between the West and Iraq, between "democratic freedoms" and "despotic tyranny" is not that at all. What is being sought is power - power over the whole world. Somebody said on Radio Four's **Today** programme recently that the outcome of the current crisis is going to be as radical a transformation of the Middle East as the outcome of events in Eastern Europe since the first crack appeared in the Berlin Wall.

If this this view is right, or anywhere near right, and what we are about to witness is the extension of the new world order to the Middle East, then there is no point in defending Iraq or defending Kuwait or whoever else. Like a game of rugby, this will not be the last game - only the end of one particular game. Because there is no real enemy, there is no real side to take. Thus, we should spectate rather than participate. Tactics are at least a pointer to strategy. And if we remain vigilant, we will soon enough gain an answer to the real question: "What next?"

CUT AND THRUST

JANUS offers candid comment on news from home and abroad

MULTI-RACIAL EQUITY? - The American actors' union has objected to a British, White actor playing the part of a Eurasian in the Broadway opening of the London show, **Miss Saigon**. This, it was claimed, was an "especially insensitive affront to the Asian community". But who is to play the part? If an Asian, surely that would be an affront to the White community? Presumably, the only actor who'd fit the bill would be Eurasian. All these objections are one-sided. It's undesirable for a White actor to black his face, but there seems to be nothing wrong in one of King Lear's daughters being coloured.

And what can one make of the utterance by the American actress Jane Alexander, regarding the 'sixties Broadway hit **The Great White Hope** (a play about the Black boxer Jack Johnson): "We had a cast of 45 Blacks but we were told we couldn't bring them with us and we would have to re-cast here in England. The trouble was that Jamaican Blacks don't look like Africans and it never came off." That seems like a distinct case of racial and colour prejuduce, but it's not quite clear to me who was being slighted.

DIVING INTO THE RED - Youngsters are being lured into a spiral of debt by High Street shops according to the **Sunday Mirror**. It highlighted how major chain stores have their own charge cards, with sky-high interest rates, which they give to almost anyone over 18. Youngsters desperate to buy the latest fashions can easily get a dazzling array of credit accounts. Shop assistant Melanie Obeney spent 55 minutes touring shops on behalf of the **Mirror** and was told she could get £8,944 in credit. This was a fine piece of "investigative journalism" - except that if one took a good look at the bottom right hand quarter of the page there was a big advert from Mercantile Credit urging readers to borrow up to £10,000! There's consistency for you.

Meanwhile, a letter-writer in the **Mail on Sunday** on July 22nd said that in view of the large number of borrowers who find themselves with debts they cannot meet, "it is time large stores, banks and building societies had to carry an H.M.G. credit warning similar to that on cigarette packets: 'Do not borrow if you cannot afford the repayments'". Better still was our British Action sticker available two years ago which declared USURY CAN DAMAGE YOUR WEALTH.

THE MANDELA MYTH - Nelson Mandela's principal claim to fame is that he spent a number of years in prison - a distinction he shares with the Moors Murderers among others. As he is not notable for originality of thought, brilliance of mind or skill in diplomacy, the best that his supporters in the bought press can come up with is that "he is regal in his manner." One writer went so far as to claim that he is the "descendant of kings". By "kings" is probably meant "chiefs" and as it was a poor African chief who did not have numerous wives and even more numerous children, the claim may well be true.

TILTED SCALES OF JUSTICE - When Craig and Bentley killed a policeman in South London, the younger one who actually fired the shot was sent to prison, while the other was hanged. The killer spent eight years inside, which isn't what one would describe as a life sentence. An American who kidnapped a seven-year-old boy and sexually abused him for seven years was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and released after only three. Whether in Britain or California, justice seems a bit odd. Not so in Iran, where a child molester was recently heaved over the side of a mountain as the quickest route under Islamic law to meeting his Maker!

EUROPEAN ETHNIC CONCOCTION - Several newspapers have belatedly run features on the continual flow of "wetback" immigrants, legal and illegal, from North Africa to the south of Europe. They are numbered, not in thousands, but in millions, which means that the Mediterranean basin is set for the biggest shift of populations in its history. This is worrying enough, but if Britain becomes fully integrated with the E.C., with everyone having the right to go to any part of it, we could well have a problem on our hands that will make present difficulties look miniscule. It is pleasing to see the press is waking up to this danger to our national survival. Twenty years ago, A.K. Chesterton, wrote a broadsheet for the National Front called **Facts** in which he warned that when fully operative E.C. membership would mean absolutely free movement of labour, with unlimited numbers of Sicilians, Turks and Africans being permitted to come here.

People of diverse origins do not easily integrate. The French and the English have been in Canada for centuries and no-one could maintain that Quebec is not still divided. After the 1066 Conquest, it took several centuries for Normans and Saxons, although they shared the same religion and racial origin, to blend. What will happen with a mixture of dozens of races, colours, religions, cultures and standards?

A NEW VIEW FOR THE VATICAN - In 1930 Islamic leaders invited Benito Mussolini to open talks on the issue of building a mosque in Rome. To his credit, Il Duce made a firm response to what he considered an affront to Christianity. He accepted the invitation - on condition that a second summit debated the designation of a site for a Catholic cathedral at Mecca. Not surprisingly, the negotiations came to an abrupt halt. Over half a century later, however, the Eternal City, the earthly headquarters of our Christian faith, is set to have the long thin shadow of a minaret cast over it. Just three miles up the Tiber from the Vatican, Europe's biggest mosque will open next month in order to serve over 600,000 Moslems. And that, it seems, is only the start, with organised Islam determined to press the Italian government to make "the same room for expressions of Islamic worship as for those of other faiths," according to the **Catholic Herald.**

The continuing success of Islam's westward expansion had its precedent in the sixteenth century. The West seemed hopelessly lost then, being divided against itself through weakness, thoughtlessness and ignorance, until Pope St Pius V warned against the fate which awaited Europe if it continued to do nothing. Will John-Paul II ever arrive at as clear and perceptive an understanding of his Christian duty? The evidence of his behaviour at the Assisi gathering leaves us little cause to be sanguine.

PROG-NOSIS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

"VETERAN liberal politician Helen Suzman comes out in strong support of De Klerk's initiatives, saying the National Party is implementing proposals advanced by the former Progressive Federal Party several years ago."

[**Cape Times**, 21st July, 1990]

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REMEMBER: WE DON'T LIVE IN A CREDIT SOCIETY - WE LIVE IN A DEBT SOCIETY!

BEYOND THE POLL TAX

NOEL HUNT says the Community Charge will restore reality to local government

DESPITE the disarray of the Conservative Party over the Poll Tax, or Community Charge, there can be no doubt that it is one of the best political ideas of recent years. It would be far better if it were officially called the Poll Tax for that is what it is - a head tax to defray the cost of the public services which we all use. Employing the word "community" is lip service to the liberal delusion that in a multi-racial society the borough can be a community. It cannot, of course; the best one can hope for is a group of more or less mutually hostile racial groups living in a state of uneasy truce!

The Community Charge has two overwhelming merits. The first is that in principle everyone pays something; it is estimated that about 17 million paid nothing into local government, while enjoying its benefits. The second is that the payer knows what he is paying for and what it costs. He can thus decide whether to support or to oppose a proposal for a given item of expenditure. Nobody likes paying taxes, least of all those who for years have paid none. This large number, faced for the first time with the awful prospect of paying for what they got, were easily induced to demonstrate and to riot.

Costly Folly Of Minority Interests

The Community Charge should bring about a leaner and fitter local government, as the jargon has it. Under the rating system only a small proportion of the population paid rates, and many of these were businesses. Private ratepayers could do little to check local government excesses. Businesses were indifferent - local rates were simply passed on to the public by including them in prices. The result was that local councils became the happy hunting ground of social "scientists", cranks and pressure groups, all with axes to grind. Thus one found such costly follies as day centres for lesbian mothers, community centres for Black gays and so on, all generously funded and staffed.

What the Community Charge should do is bring home to most people the sound sense of the proverb: "What you will have, quoth God, take it and pay for it." The charge payer now has a chance to choose for himself, rather than have chosen for him, what he wants and is prepared to pay for from the range of local government goodies available. If the local charge is high, he has only himself to blame for not becoming involved in keeping costs low.

Thus, what the Community Charge payer needs is a complete list of items to be funded by local government during the forthcoming financial year. He also needs to know precisely how much each item listed will cost; in other words, how much it will add to the Community Charge which he must pay. Armed with this information, he can pick and choose. For instance, he can continue to provide free library services - if he is willing to pay for them. He may well decide, and sensibly so, that services should be paid for by those using them, and paid for at a rate which covers the cost of the service. The possible ways in which local government costs can be cut are numerous indeed.

Naturally there will be resistance to providing the needed information. A few judicious sackings will produce a marked change of heart, and the necessary figures as well. The professional poor will urge, supported by the "caring professions", that gross hardship and injustice will result from any reduction in free services. If the charge payer wishes to see Community Charges remain high, then he has but to heed these moving pleas. He will save himself money,

however, by either ignoring them or laying down the principle that services should be paid for. We repeat: "What you will have, take it - and pay for it." Those who cannot pay need only look to private charity for help. Indeed, it may well turn out that, to the dismay of the liberal, this charity will be forthcoming on an ethnic basis. Another way of keeping local government costs down would be to make far greater use of lotteries so that local libraries, hospitals and community centres can help meet their operating costs. Once the average man realises that by insisting on being told the cost of everything he can do much to keep his taxes down, local government will be transformed.

The Community Charge should in time bring about other changes. There is, for instance, absolutely no reason that the national political parties should be involved in local politics, which are not their business. [There is absolutely no need for parties to be involved in national politics, either! - Editor] The issues with which they deal are entirely different. At local level the charge payer wants cheap and efficient basic services, with an end to extravagances like Afro-Caribbean centres, nuclear-free zone signs, town twinning and the like. He simply does not care about the political beliefs of local councillors. Once let the emphasis change from party loyalty to cheap and efficient local services, and we shall see a revolution in local government.

Won't Pay, Can't Vote!

One possible and very desirable change would be a proviso that only those who pay the Community Charge should be eligible to vote in local elections. Why should one who pays nothing in to the kitty be allowed a voice in how it is spent? In time this might lead to changes at the national level, too. One might hope to see a similar provision made part of electoral law. It is difficult to think of anything more disastrous than universal suffrage as a political device. If tax payers only were allowed to vote, the number of voters would be reduced to our great advantage.

The Communist Manifesto of 1848 says, and rightly, that one of the bulwarks of socialism is the almost universal introduction of a graduated income tax. One has no objection to an income tax per se. What is evil is that it is graduated; in effect the prudent and competent are taxed to support the feckless and the incompetent. Successive "Conservative" governments have done nothing to repeal this blatantly communistic measure. Let the Community Charge but show the merits of a restricted electoral roll and of an income tax the same for all and we may witness a revolution on the national political scene, too. Only a restricted franchise confined to voters paying tax at a single rate can ensure that the payer insists on his right to control public spending and to be properly informed.

Thomas Jefferson hit the nail on the head, as he so often did, when he observed: "The purse of the people is the real seat of sensibility. Let it be drawn upon largely, and they will then listen to truths which could not excite them through any other organ" - Writings, Vol X, p 59.

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TRUTH? IT'S A RISKY BUSINESS!

FRANK BROOKES shows how certain truths are unpalatable to our media masters

"IT is necessary to submit oneself to the demands of truth as prime authority in all questions of political and private behaviour, understanding...that...the zeal for truth comes even before goodness in the list of Christian virtues."

Thus Cardinal Newman in his **The Arians of the Fourth Century.** It is fitting to recollect that today, the centenary year of his death, the pursuit of truth, whether in religion or in politics, is as risky a business as it was in his day. Risky for all of us, those of the Right as well as those of the Left or occupying the "Soft Centre". However, Left, Right or "Soft" as Christians we may be confident of one thing: that in pursuing the truth we are doing right; that reward will be in the finding and living of what we find, and that if we collect a few scars on the way - well, life is a quest and a fight and that's that.

So the arena of our fight -(that is, we who are, so to speak, members of the "Candour Movement" in Nationalist politics) is made up of every racial, financial, justice and moral issue that arises. Sometimes we may have to oppose our Nationalist allies when they forget that we are all God's creatures and attempt to establish rules and laws for humans by humans, ignoring the fact that if God did not make known His laws, then no human has the right to make laws for other humans. He may have the power temporarily, but not the right.

Revisionists' Media Breakthrough

One of the areas where truth, or the discovery of it, is severely hindered, if not deliberately obstructed, is in discovering what really is the fact of the Holocaust. Ignoring for the moment the issue of whether the Nuremberg trials were just, whether they were rigged, whether accusers should act also as judge, jury and executioner - was the Holocaust fact or fiction? Let me make my position clear at the outset. At the moment I have serious doubts as to its reality, but if it did happen, it was evil. Like race and the creation of credit, it is an issue that is propagandised from only one viewpoint and is never actually discussed - until recently!

By some colossal blunder on the part of the masters of the media in the U.S.A. - one which I am sure will not be repeated - that courageous body, the Institute for Historical Review, managed to get itself on an American T.V. show which purports to discuss important issues. Bradley Smith, of the I.H.R., and Fred Leuchter, a leading expert on the design and fabrication of homicidal gas chambers, confronted Jerry Lewis, interviewer of the show, and a Jewish Defence League member and bluntly stated that the so-called final solution involving gassing millions of Jews was simply not true. It would have taken over sixty years to do it, said Leuchter.

Now if any one thing came across clearly on that video tape, it was that the proponents of the Holocaust claim - Jerry Lewis and the J.D.L. man - clearly were not prepared to discuss the issue. Lewis repeatedly interrupted Smith and Leuchter when they were making their claims and backing them up with evidence, scientific or otherwise. Continually Lewis' only 'argument' against his Institute opponents was that "this is the first time I have ever heard such claims". Clearly the frequency with which one hears claims has nothing to do with their veracity. The J.D.L. man was often rude - as was Lewis, who descended to personal insults when argument was clearly beyond their scope.

What argument there was during that bear den of 'discussion' was almost totally on the side of the I.H.R. Despite the fact Fred Leuchter emphasised that when he investigated the so-called extermination camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau he had an open mind and was certainly not committed to any revisionist theory, Lewis shouted over him that he found no evidence of gassings there precisely because that was what he wanted to find.

No matter where the truth lay in that T.V. exhibition of ill temper and bad manners, it certainly had a hard time of it. Both opponents of the Holocaust theory were labelled "Nazi", despite the fact that they both denied it. However, two things emerged for me after I had watched the video. First, the evidence that the Holocaust was not true seems strong - indeed, historian David Irving is now a convert to that view. Doubtless he will be called a "Nazi" now! And secondly, the total black-out of revisionist thinking from access to the media is now no longer possible.

The advent of the video tape means that in many home drawing rooms previously prohibited views may now be put across in strength by experts who know their subjects. A new way of searching for political truth is available to people willing to make a little effort to get at it. Purchase of videos, as well as cassette tapes and books, by small get-together groups sharing expenses and offering their homes as hospitality for discussion, make resistance to popular establishment propaganda feasible.

As I said at the beginning, quoting Newman, the search for truth is the most important Christian zeal. Much important material is now available to aid in that search. May I suggest that our readers use it?

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